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Note verbale dated 3 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 24 September 2013 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Chad requesting that the Secretary-General support the membership of Chad in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 3 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Chad presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to submit the request by the Republic of Chad for membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Republic of Chad acceded to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees on 19 August 1981. Chad also became a signatory to the Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa on 12 August 1981. Currently, further to the commitments made at the sixtieth anniversary of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (Geneva Convention) in December 2011, Chad is in the process of finalizing the adoption of national legislation on the status of refugees in Chad. Chad was also one of the first countries to ratify the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), which it did on 11 July 2011.

Since 2003, the Government and people of Chad have extended hospitality to hundreds of thousands of refugees, mainly from neighbouring countries. As at 31 August 2013, there were more than 400,000 refugees in Chad. Most of them have been in the country for over 10 years, and have received assistance, protection, security, arable land, and basic services such as education and health care.

A Member of the United Nations since 1960, Chad regularly participates in the meetings of the principal organs of the United Nations; since 2001, it has also participated in the sessions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner.

In the light of the foregoing, Chad meets the criteria for membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner, and therefore seeks the support of the Secretary-General in facilitating the membership process.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Chad thanks the Secretary-General in advance for his support and takes this opportunity to convey to him the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.